HARPER ADAMS UNIVERSITY

Board of Governors

Present:

25 April 2024

Item 02

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Governors held o n 25 April 2024 by on MS Teams

> Peter Nixon Chair Vice-Chair Dominic Wong Ken Sloan Vice-Chancellor Ellie Mace SU President

Alison Allden Barbara Bray Ben Shipston Christine Ennew Clive Beer

Debbie Winstanley Emma Foulkes Liz Salter Mark Griffiths Talib Sheikh Tim Watson

Uloma Uhunmwangho Yvonne Hawkins

John Reade Staff Governor

Tamy Jithesh Post-Graduate Student Member

over the next 12 months, proposing initially to deliver three written reports and one oral report annually. Members noted that the delivery of an oral report and facilitated the coverage of a lot of ground.

23/46 Committees

A. Audit & Risk Management Committee

<u>Received</u>: i. a report from the University Secretary providing assurance in relation to regulatory compliance with the Office for Students.

ii. an updated report from the University Secretary on the key areas of risk monitored by the Board of Governors

Noted:

i. that following the Governance Review approved by the Board in November 2023, strategic oversight for the Health & Safety Strategy Group now rests with the Audit & Risk Management Committee. The Health & Safety Strategy Group will report to Audit & Risk Management Committee in May 2024, and through to the Board thereafter.

JH/AP

B. Honorary Awards Committee

Received: i. a report of the meeting of the Honorary Awards Committee held on 9 April 2024.

Noted:

i. the recommendations of the Honorary Awards Committee, and affirmed the delegated responsibility of the Committee to confirm awards without the requirement to seek the agreement of the Academic Board nor the Board of Governors due to the timeframes and requirement for confidentialimihio Boare

23/47 Date of Next Meeting

Noted:

- i. that the next meeting of the Board will be on 4 July 2024, in-person in the Board Room. Although facilities would be made available to attend remotely, members were encouraged to attend in-person if possible to maximise participation in the "away-day" activities planned for the afternoon of 4 July 2024.
- ii. that the Board meeting would be preceded by dinner on 3 July 2024 at the University, to which all members were warmly invited.
- iii. that lunch would be provided on 4 July 2024, followed by the "away-day" activities. It was anticipated that the day would conclude no later than 17:00.

23/48 Any Other Business

Noted:

- i. that the planned update on cyber security would follow at the meeting of the Board on 4 July 2024 due to time constraints.
- ii. that members were invited to attend a 30-minute meeting with the V-C before 19 June 2024. Members wishing to do so could liaise with the Governance Manager.
- iii. that new members to the Board for 2023-24 were invited to attend a 30-minute 1:1 with the Chair, and may contact the Chair directly should they wish to do so.
- iv. that 1:1 meetings with the Vice-Chancellor and the Chair of the Board would alternate on an annual basis, with 1:1s with the Chair for all members next due to take place before July 2025. New members to the Board would be offered a 1:1 within the year they commence, irrespective of this biennial arrangement. Members wishing to raise specific matters with the Chair may do so at any time, and do not need to wait for a scheduled 1:1.